(c) the value of actual export made in 1998-99 and 1999-2000, separately; and

(d) the percentage in the total export made from the country during the said years separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The targets, achivements and percentage share in country's exports of textiles and clothing (including Jute, Coir and Handicrafts) for the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are given below:

(Value in US Million Dollar)

Year	Target	Achievement	%age share of textile in country's total exports
1998-1999	14,275	12,558.8	37%
1999-2000	14,385	13,324.8	36%
2000-2001	15,532	2,318.4*	34%*

*(April-May, 2000)

Technology Upgradation Fund for textiles industry

†1232. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Technology, Upgradation Fund;

(b) if so, the date when the fund was set up, together with the amount of money deposited at its inception;

(c) whether any loan has also been disbursed to the textile industry from this fund; and

(d) if so, the amount of loan allocated for handloom, powerloom

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and mill sectors till March, 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Government of India have set up a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernisation of textile and jute industries.

(b) The Scheme was made operational with effect from 1.4.1999. It envisages reimbursement of interest of 5% on loans taken by borrowers as per approved parameters of technology upgradation, through Nodal Agencies (IDBI, SIDBI & IFCI) and co-opted financial institutions.

(c) A total of Rs. 1002.54 crores has been disbursed to the textile industry under the scheme as on 30.6.2000.

(d) There is no sectoral allocating of loan under this scheme. Loans sanctioned to the SSI units was Rs. 92.93 crore and to the medium and large was Rs. 1909.24 crores as on 31.3.2000.

Cheaper clothes for poors

†1233. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to launch any scheme in the country for providing clothes at cheaper rates to the poors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Although there is no specific proposal before the Government to launch any scheme to provide cloth at cheaper rates, the Government policy in general is aimed at providing facilities to weavers and creating a capable and vibrant industry which will produce cloth of reasonable quality at acceptable prices for all sections of the population.

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